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BISMARCK AIRPORT RECEIVES REGIONAL SAFETY AWARD

(Bismarck, ND)- Bismarck Airport is thrilled to announce it has been awarded the 2009 Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Great Lakes Region, Airport Safety Award for making notable contributions to airport safety.

The award was presented by Ignacio Flores, Manager of the Safety Standards Branch of the FAA on November 5th during the 25th annual Great Lakes Region Airport Conference held in Chicago, IL. "This award is a direct reflection of Airport Staff's dedication to maintain a safe and efficient operation at the Bismarck Airport," said Greg Haug, Airport Manager. "Safety is our number one priority and it feels wonderful to see the Staff be recognized for the improvements they have made over the last several years."

95 commercial airports in the Great Lakes Region are eligible to receive this award. Airports are selected by the Regional certification and safety inspectors who recognize outstanding achievements for specific activities or unique accomplishments to enhance airport safety. The Great Lakes Region encompasses the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.



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Memorandum

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To: Jim Johnson, Acting Manager, Airports Division, AGL-600

From: Ignacio Flores, Manager, Safety Standards Branch, AGL-620

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Subject: ACTION: Airport Safety Award – Bismarck Municipal Airport, Nomination for Award

We recommend the Bismarck Municipal Airport (BIS), Bismarck, North Dakota for recognition under the *Airport Safety Award* program at the 25th Annual Airport Conference. The management and staff at the Bismarck Municipal Airport are responsible for the accomplishment of significant safety enhancements that have improved safety for all aeronautical users at the airport. The following is a list of several notable achievements that have been made by the Bismarck Municipal Airport over the past several years:

- Created a 24-hour Airport Operations Department to oversee Part 139 compliance.
- Constructed a service road around the north end of the airport to reduce the potential of runway incursions and improve emergency access.
- Improved the ATCT line of sight with Taxiway C through several phased projects.
- Received national recognition for their snow and ice control plan for 2008/2009 by receiving the Balchen/Post "Honorable Mention" Award.
- Bismarck Airport has been a leader in the State of North Dakota on working with the FAA on winter operations issues and concerns.
- Actively engaged in wildlife hazard management and working closely with USDA to manage wildlife hazards at the airport.
- An Environmental Assessment is in progress for wetland mitigation on airport property.
- The airport has had three consecutive 139 inspections without any Part 139 violations.

